

Proceedings of Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, July 17, 2017 called to order by Mayor Smith at 6:00 PM at the Manawa Municipal Building pursuant to open meetings laws, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Aldermen present on roll call: Frazier, Brost, Miller, Eck, Brown. City employees: Hass, J. Gorman, Simonis, Rosenau. Audience: Ben Rodgers, Gordon Meyers.

Moved Frazier/Miller to approve agenda of July 17, 2017. Carried.

Moved Miller/Eck to dispense with reading of and to approve minutes of June 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting as presented. Carried.

Moved Eck/Miller to pay all bills as presented in the amount of \$130,415.14. Carried.

**FINANCE:** Info on insurance immunity clauses: Eck noted that at a training for Council members she had learned that it is important to know your policy and keep it up to date.

Info on open/closed meeting notices regarding attendance of council members: Eck told Council that it was important to correctly notice meetings of the board.

Payment for extra DPW duties: Moved Eck/Frazier to authorize \$1,200.00 for Jonathon Munoz for extra duties since retirement of the DPW. Discussion: Miller questioned how the committee arrived at the amount, it was noted that Munoz was the only employee certified to sign and report at the waste water plant, that is about one third of the amount offered to Bob Gorman and that there was money left in the budget for the funds. Carried.

Noffke Promotion: Moved Eck/Brown to promote Jacob Noffke to full time status in the police department.

Hiring Part Time: Moved Eck/Frazier to allow Chief Gorman to proceed with part time hiring of officers. Carried.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Street Projects: Moved Frazier/Miller to reject all bids for the improvement projects for Ridgeway Heights, Dorothy Drive and the bank alley way because of financial restraints. Carried.

**PROTECTION:** Fire Board representative report: Chair Eck noted that the Fire Dept. will be having an audit done from 2015 and 2016 and noted a turn-over of employees.

**Mayor:** The Mayor discussed the progress at the Veteran Park site, noted a problem with geese. He also has found out that the Melvin Handrich memorial on the Triangle Park needs refurbishing and can be moved to the Veteran Park site. The Mayor informed Council that the city clerk and he will be touring Sturm Foods along with our attorney and members from Sturm Foods, a mediation session will follow at City Hall. He said that the Police Union committee had met and that it went well, we should be able to complete the renewal contract by phone and email for a cost savings to the City.

**DPW:** DPW Simonis stated that the Rodeo and the 4<sup>th</sup> went well with no issues, a new meter had been purchased at Well #4 that is a non-lead base, the new Chamber signs are up on main street, the bathrooms are being painted at Lindsay Park, have received the new sampler and would like to join a DPW organization at a cost of \$20.00 that would provide good net working for our department.

**Police Chief:** Chief Gorman noted that the bullet proof vest has been returned and the case closed, the first squad is here and the other to arrive by Friday, we will be starting the bid process on the black and white Ford and Dodge, waiting for court ordered power of attorney for the Pope properties, he would like to meet on 14 different police policies, he thanked Michelle Kamba for 12 years of service to the City and wished her well on her future plans, we

are waiting to hear if we were approved for the Copps grant and have been denied a Firehouse Sub grant, the department had received 77 calls from the school district, and discussed a search warrant that was obtained for an incident in the City involving narcotics.

**Fire Chief:** Chief Rosenau noted 66 calls to date, will be down at Lindsay Park for National Night Out on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and that Alliant Energy would be holding a training session at the fire station this evening.

**Library:** Rep. Brown stated that there needs to be some concrete work re-done from the project earlier in the spring, she also requested the City to hire a part-time employee to help with snow removal.

**Clerk:** Financial Report: General Fund \$30,110.07; Government Pool: \$764.28;

Moved Eck/Miller to approve the following operator's Licenses: Susan Brooks, Tammy Passehl, Amanda Mitchell, Paige Pierotti and Susan Rustad. Carried.

**New Business:** Meetings: There will be a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM.

Moved Brown/Eck to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Carried.

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Cheryl Hass, City Clerk